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BOOSTERS OF ROGUE RIVER VALLEY DINE

COMMITTEES FROM ASHLAND AND MEDFORD CONFER WITH GRANTS PASS CITIZENS

PEP AND ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

Easterners to Be Told of Southern Oregon's Ideal Climate, Scenic Wonders, Hunting and Fishing

Wednesday evening a committee from the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce entertained committees from the Ashland and Medford Commercial clubs at the local club rooms. The committees from those cities were composed of enthusiastic boosters, full of pep and optimism. They arrived in automobiles shortly before 6 o'clock and at 6:30 marched into the dining room at the club headquarters where the ladies of the Red Cross had prepared a dinner that will not soon be forgotten. Large vases filled with roses and other beautiful flowers gave a touch of daintiness to the dining tables, which were arranged in a large square.

The Ashland committee was composed of the following gentlemen: Bert R. Greer of the Ashland Tidings; J. H. McGee, H. S. Shinn, secretary of the Commercial club, and V. O. N. Smith of the Citizens Bank.

The Medford boosters were, C. E. Gates, mayor; J. C. Mann, B. W. Paul, S. S. Smith, S. S. Bullis, Will G. Steel, Jonas Wald, W. S. Tait, H. L. Walther, Rev. D. E. Millard, J. W. Drexler, Senator C. M. Thomas, J. W. Wakefield, S. C. Butterfield and A. B. Cunningham.

After the diners had disposed of the tempting "feed," F. S. Bramwell, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, made a few remarks welcoming the delegates from the upper end of the Rogue valley and explained the object of the meeting. Cigars were then passed, one local booster remarking the purpose being to acclimate those present to their future home.

The real object of this get-together meeting was for the purpose of organizing a booster club for Southern Oregon; to tell of the wonderful climate of this part of the state; to let Eastern people know of the fine hunting and fishing to be found here; to tell of the scenic beauty—such places as Crater Lake, Mt. Ashland, the Oregon Caves, the wonderful Rogue River with its many tributaries filled with mountain trout—in short, to interest those people of culture and means who are seeking an ideal climate in which to live; to let them know of this country of fine roads and the best hunting and fishing in the United States right at their door—and such a place is Southern Oregon.

In the course of his address, F. S. Bramwell stated that he was a living example of what Southern Oregon climate will do. A few years ago when he arrived in the Rogue River valley he could not ascend the steps at a local hotel; now he has more pep and vim than most men of half his years.

Geo. C. Sabin was then introduced. He outlined what he thought was the proper course to pursue in the way of advertising and his suggestions met the unanimous approval of those present; then his witty little parlor story of the bull and the humble bee fairly brought down the house.

O. S. Blanchard was then introduced and responded briefly, offering suggestions that were well received. President Bramwell then asked the Ashland delegation to express their views and Bert R. Greer arose. Like those who preceded him, Mr. Greer stated that the real attractions of Southern Oregon—the climate, sunshine, scenic beauty and hunting and fishing—

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TYPHUS IN EUROPE MENACE TO WORLD

Physicians From Many Nations Wade Through Mud and Filth to Combat Dread Disease

Kavalla, Macedonia, May 29.—A desperate fight is now being waged by Greek, British, French, American Red Cross and United States army physicians to confine the outbreak of typhus raging in Macedonia to its breeding ground and to prevent its spread to Europe and America. An expedition of American doctors and nurses has been rushed to Macedonia to combat the disease.

Red Cross workers in Macedonia are fighting conditions of a most discouraging nature. The Struma valley is low, swampy and malarial. Here thousands of British and allied soldiers died of disease during the war. The road from Kavalla to Drama to Serres is a morass of fathomless mud.

An American doctor who has waded through Flanders writes:

"Today we carry our supplies of medicines and food to distant villages through roads several feet deep in mud. Rains are frequent and heavy and the fogs penetrate our bones. Red Cross women riding the mountain trails, swimming their horses across rivers, plodding through mud, braving typhus at every turn are carrying on their work with the spirit of the pioneer women of our own America."

The filth and stench of the so-called cities, heaps of ruins after six years of war, are beyond description. The main street in Prati and the highway from the railway station in Drama to the public square surpass in offensiveness anything I have ever seen.

"There is no wood for heating here and no stoves. The Bulgars have swept the country absolutely bare. Only the bare walls of the buildings in a hundred villages remain. All water must be boiled."

The typhus dead are removed from the tobacco warehouses at Kavalla in groups each day.

EXPLOSION KILLS 80 NEAR COBLENZ

London, May 29.—As the result of a fire in the building occupied by American troops in the Coblenz district and the explosion of a munitions dump yesterday, 80 men are missing, a Cologne dispatch says.

A later dispatch regarding the fire and explosion, said that it occurred near the frontier of Bavarian Palatinate, which is in the French area of occupation.

TEXAS WHEAT GROWERS WILL REAP MILLIONS

Dallas, Tex., May 29.—The two million acres of Texas land sown in wheat last autumn are expected to produce a crop of 40,000,000 bushels, five times larger than any previous Texas wheat crop. The Texas growers, guaranteed a price of \$2.28 a bushel, figure a total return of \$91,000,000 in round figures, with \$10,000,000 reduction as the approximate cost of production.

\$300,000 IN CONTRACTS FOR ROADWORK IN DOUGLAS

Portland, May 29.—The state highway commission yesterday awarded contracts for road work in Douglas county aggregating nearly \$366,000. Logan & Colby secured contracts for \$90,754. Work on the Oakland-Wilbur section went to Clark & Henry Co. for \$204,200. Building of the highway from the Jacques ranch to the Johns ranch, Cow Creek valley, was awarded to Jorlin & Elder for \$70,957.

POST SAYS TERMS ARE SUICIDE AND NEW GERMANY MUST BREAK CHAINS

Boche Take Issue With Allies On All Phases of Treaty. Italy Granted Concessions—Lenine Says Moscow Edict Must be Obeyed—Yanks Relieved

Berlin, May 29.—The conservative German press condemns the counter proposals as suicide. The Post says: "The German people are doomed to slavery between two masters until a new Germany arrives to break the chains."

London, May 29.—Germany made her formal reply today to the treaty terms presented to her on May 7. The German counter proposals appear to take issue with the allies on nearly all important phases of the treaty, according to published summaries.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau will leave for Spa soon as the council of four receives the proposals. Dispatches indicate that an agreement by the council of four on the Adriatic and Fiume questions has been reached. Fiume is to be an independent municipality; certain Dalmatian islands are to go to Italy,

but it is understood that she is not to get the Adriatic ports of Zara and Sebenico.

A representative of the vatican is at Paris to discuss the status of the Catholic missions in land affected by the treaty. It is improbable that he will be officially received by the conference.

Premier Lenine has issued a statement attacking Bela Kun, chief of the Hungarian soviet, asserting that Moscow is "the center of the world revolution and must be obeyed."

Transports have arrived at Archangel for the withdrawal of the American troops. British troops are to relieve the Yanks.

Paris, May 29.—The plenary session to inform the nations which broke relations with Austria, of Austria's peace terms, has been postponed until Saturday when the treaty will be completed.

MAY LET MEXICANS ACROSS U. S. SOIL

Washington, May 29.—President Carranza has been notified that permission for the passage of Mexican troops through American territory will be withheld for the present. He asked permission to move 2,000 men from Agua Prieta to Juarez for operations against Villa.

The United States believes that such a force will not be able to protect American citizens in northern Mexico. The attitude might be altered if President Carranza could show there was a greater necessity for his men at Juarez than at Agua Prieta where the Yaqui Indians have become troublesome.

N-C 4 TO ENGLAND ON MEMORIAL DAY

Brest, France, May 29.—The NC-4 will probably start from Lisbon tomorrow, weather permitting, so as to reach England on Memorial Day, according to a message picked up by a ship here.

MEDFORD PEOPLE CONTROL PACIFIC & EASTERN RY.

Medford, Ore., May 29.—At a meeting of the subscribers to the Pacific & Eastern railroad stock here it was decided to finance the proposition with local capital and have the complete control of the road at home.

EIFFEL TOWER TO BE WIRELESS STATION

Paris, May 29.—The Eiffel tower has joined the ranks of the demobilized—its military role being ended although its wireless telegraphy station will be maintained and indeed strengthened to bring it equal to the German post at Naumen. It will again be accessible to tourist visitors after being unapproachable for over four years.

During the war a dozen machine guns were mounted on the highest platform as protection against air attacks. On the first platform were four inch guns and searchlights, and later a powerful siren to give warning against air raids.

SEVEN MONTHS IN HUN PRISON CAMPS

Sergeant Arthur Gibbons, a guest of the kaiser for seven months while in German prison camps, was the speaker at last night's Chautauqua. Sergeant Gibbons has a story to tell—a story which he has lived, and in telling it there is no intimation of bragging but rather a sincere desire to give to the world a true picture of the real Hun. He told of his experience with the Third Canadian Infantry, among the first Canadian troops to see service, pointed out that on two occasions the Germans had the allied armies at their mercy but did not know it. Sergeant Gibbons' lecture was intensely interesting throughout.

The Overseas Quartet, which gave the prelude to both afternoon and evening entertainments, was also much enjoyed.

Judge George D. Alden speaks on "The Needs of the Hour" at Chautauqua tonight. Judge Alden is a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla, is a high-minded man with the deep convictions of his forefathers. For generations his family has been connected with the development of New England intellectually, morally and materially. This rich inheritance with his wide experience and ability qualifies Judge Alden to speak with a high degree of authority on the present day problems pertaining to the good of the nation. Judge Alden for years was a prominent member of the bench in Massachusetts.

Tomorrow brings to the Chautauqua audience one of the best concert bands in the west this season. The band under Signor Castellucci's direction will delight you with its splendid music. Mr. Castellucci earned for himself a reputation in his native country a few years ago the honor of appearing before the king of Italy. For the last six years he has conducted some of the best bands and orchestras in the country.

GERMAN POLITICAL MEETINGS TABOOED IN YANK AREA

Coblenz, May 29.—Orders have been issued here to American military police in Coblenz and Treves and to patrols throughout the area of occupation to tear down immediately any political posters, should they appear. The soldiers also were cautioned to prevent any meeting of political character.

MAX LEWIS, WOUNDED, CARED FOR BY FRIENDS

H. L. Lewis, of Galice, father of Dolph and Max Lewis who were recently implicated in the robbery of the Washougal bank, returned this morning from The Dalles, Oregon, where Dolph has been on trial, accused of having a hand in the murder of the chief of police of The Dalles. The Dalles officer was shot and killed by Ed. Primrose in that city while being taken to jail. Primrose later confessed to the murder and has been sentenced.

Mr. Lewis states that the testimony in his son's trial was all in at 2 o'clock Wednesday and at 3 o'clock the case was to go to the jury. He expects to hear of the verdict at any hour.

Max Lewis is still in hiding, says Mr. Lewis, who received a letter from him on May 16. The boy is with friends in the vicinity of Prindle, on the Washington side of the Columbia and about 20 miles below Hood River. The father made special efforts to see Max and persuade him to come in and give himself up, but the boy's friends are keeping him in hiding and will permit no one to go near him. However, Mr. Lewis expects to receive further word immediately from Max.

The sheriff at The Dalles, says Mr. Lewis, promised to not hunt Max down for a few weeks, thus giving the father an opportunity to persuade his son to come in and surrender without putting up a fight. In his letter of May 16, Max stated that he was wounded, although not severely, and told his father to not worry about him for he was all right and in good hands.

As the two Lewis boys almost grew to manhood in Grants Pass, great interest is taken here in the trial of Dolph and the course Max decides to pursue. It is the consensus of opinion here that if Max could be gotten away from his friends he would gladly give himself up to the officers and thus probably escape with a short sentence.

APPLGATE RANCHER FACES THEFT CHARGE

Herald Kubli, who has a ranch on the Applegate, was arrested last night by Sheriff Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Lister, being accused by Fred Hoffenbacher, another Applegate rancher, of stealing cattle. Mr. Kubli was brought to Grants Pass and placed in jail, but will probably give bail this afternoon. His preliminary hearing will be held Saturday.

The hide from the cow claimed by Mr. Hoffenbacher was discovered by Chief of Police McLane at one of the local butcher shops and was identified by Mr. Hoffenbacher as his property. Mr. Kubli claims it is a mistake and that he can prove that he owned the animal.

OLD MEDICAL SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Portland, Ore., May 29.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the top floor of the three-story frame building occupied by the University of Oregon medical school, across from the Good Samaritan hospital. The building was to have been wrecked in two weeks when the school moved to new quarters just completed.

The girl students organized a relief brigade and helped save the equipment. The loss was small.

SALMON FISHERS DOT THE COLUMBIA

Thousands of Trollers and Gill-netters Making Big Money Supplying Canneries at Astoria

Astoria, Ore., May 29.—With the salmon fishing industry of the lower Columbia river open, the fishermen are making optimistic forecasts for the season's catch. The number of fishermen this year exceed those of any previous year by more than 1,000. The fishermen say the results are greater than for the same period in the past seasons.

More than 2,500 trollers are out on the river daily, while there are upwards of 3,000 gill netters engaged in supplying the 27 canneries in Astoria alone. Most of these men reside in Astoria.

One of the five varieties of salmon found in these waters, the Royal Chinook salmon brings the best remuneration to the fishermen and also to the cannery. It's flesh is red and it grows to enormous size, often weighing from 100 to 125 pounds. However the average weight is in the neighborhood of 30 pounds. The fishermen receive 11 1/2 cents a pound for this variety.

Next comes the blueback which averages about two feet in length and weighs from 3 to 7 pounds, and bring 9 1/2 cents a pound to the fishermen. There are many others, including the silversides, pale pink in flesh, along with the steelhead and graylings which bring from 5 to 6 cents a pound.

Large quantities of sturgeon, too are caught by the fishermen, and there are a source of considerable revenue to the fishermen during the season which ends August 25.

Last year's pack at the local canneries amounted to almost a million cases of 48 one-pound cans, worth to the packer approximately \$7,500,000.

TWO MORE BABIES DIE AT THE WAVERLY HOME

Portland, Ore., May 29.—Two babies died last night at the Waverly baby home, from epidemic of diphtheria of a mysterious origin, making a total of 14 infants who have died within two weeks. Twelve other babies are suffering. The other babies were all removed today to another building.

The Red Cross at Vancouver barracks and the local churches are furnishing equipment and aid.

JOY MANAGER BOOKS NOVELTY FEATURE

Miss Wolke, the manager of the Joy theatre, who has been in Portland for the past two weeks, has booked the novelty feature direct from the Liberty theatre in Portland "The Hell Hole of Kilenas" is a real scene which has been playing at the Liberty this week and has created a sensation in Portland. Immediately after seeing this beautiful little feature Miss Wolke went over to the exchange and booked it and has arranged to show it next Sunday and Monday.

DEATH STALKS IN PETROGRAD

Washington, May 29.—Official health reports in Petrograd show that the death rate in that city now exceeds 1,000 daily, according to Swedish press reports to the state department.

FLU HITS SOUTHWESTERN ALASKA—MANY DIE

Valdez, Alaska, May 28.—Influenza has again broken out in southwest Alaska, with heavy death toll among the native population. At Nushagak in the Bristol bay district more than 40 deaths have occurred.

NINE MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON NEXT TUESDAY

ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY AND MARKET ROADS TAX BILL SEEM FAVORITES WITH PEOPLE

SOME MEASURES UNNECESSARY

\$5,000,000 Reconstruction Measure Means Better Educational Facilities and Homes for Soldiers

Next Tuesday, June 3, Oregon voters will have a chance to cast their ballots for or against the various measures submitted to them by the last legislature. There are nine propositions to vote on, as follows:

Six per cent county indebtedness for permanent roads.

Industrial and reconstruction hospital amendment.

State bond payment of irrigation and drainage district bond interest.

Five million dollar reconstruction bonding amendment.

Lieutenant governor amendment.

Roosevelt highway.

Reconstruction bonding bill.

Soldiers, sailors' and marines' educational financial bonding bill.

Market roads tax bill.

The six per cent indebtedness measure for permanent roads will in all probability be defeated. It grants counties the privilege of voting bonds up to six per cent of their assessed valuation for road purposes. While it is purely a local option measure and no county need assume an extra burden unless the majority of the voters so decide, yet the average taxpayer will probably decide that with the other great road programs on our hands the country will be progressing as fast as the pocketbook will stand. The Courier does not believe the measure is necessary at this time.

The industrial and reconstruction hospital amendment merely grants to the legislature the power to locate a reconstruction hospital elsewhere than at the state capital. The measure does not appropriate any money for building, that part of the program being cared for in the reconstruction bonding bill, therefore a vote for or against it matters little to Southern Oregon.

The measure providing state guarantee payment of irrigation and drainage district bond interest will be a fine proposition for the whole state, and especially Southern Oregon where irrigation is in its infancy. The state merely guarantees interest on irrigation bonds for the first five years, thus permitting irrigation districts to sell their bonds.

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RAILROAD DIRECTOR SEES FUTURE PROSPERITY IN U. S.

Washington, May 29.—Highly favorable conditions and an outlook for excellent business were reported here by Director-General Hines of the railroad administration, after an extended trip throughout the west. He expressed a belief that the reconstruction process now under way would create a big industrial revival because of the arrested demand for many products not produced during the war and the large buying power of the public, due to high wages and high prices for record farm crops.

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION REPORTED IMPROVING

Washington, May 29.—A growing demand for farm labor is decreasing the amount of unemployment over the country, the United States employment service reported today in presenting a summary for the week ended May 24, showing 227,425 persons classed as unemployed were reported in New York City.